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DECISION NOTES FOR 10/3/06 WOMT MEETING

Decision # 1 - Potential Installation of the Fall 2006 HORB:

DFG recommended to DWR that the HORB not be installed this year due to fall criteria being met (ie. DO > 5.0 at Stockton Ship Channel).

WOMT members discussed the three agricultural barriers in operation, current hydrology and fish concerns.

Based on the fact that higher than normal San Joaquin River flows are predicted to continue through November (ie. BOR forecasts for SJR tribs) and that the agricultural barrier will provide some hydraulic benefits at the Head of Old River, adequate attraction flows for fall-run Chinook salmon are expected without the need for the HORB. This expectation is based on the number of fall-run Chinook spawners already observed in some Delta tributaries (e.g. Stanislaus Weir counts).

WOMT decided to suspend the installation this year with the stipulation that the agricultural barriers at Old River (near Tracy) and Middle River be notched and one flashboard at Grantline Canal be removed. These measure are expected to provide adequate migration for salmon downstream of the barriers..